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SUBJ: NPT REVCON: CONCLUSION GENERAL DEBATE, MAY 12

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1. SUMMARY: REVCON GENERAL DEBATE CONCLUDED MAY 12 WITH PLENARY

STATEMENTS BY EGYPT, NEPAL, AND MAURITIUS, AND PERSONAL SUMMARY OF DEBATE BY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT THORSSON. SECOND COMMITTEE (TECHNICAL) HELD FIRST SESSION MAY 12 (SEPT), WHILE FIRST COMMITTEE (POLITICAL) WILL CONVENE MAY 13. HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 12 GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. OSMAN (EGYPT), REITERATING SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED THEMES, SUPPORTED CTB, PROHIBITION ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS, MORE IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IMPLEMENTATION OF US/UK VOLUNTARY OFFER ON SAFEGUARDS, AND APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF NON-PARTY RECIPIENTS OF NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE. MUCH OF SPEECH, HOWEVER, DWELT ON IMPLICATIONS OF NPT FOR MIDDLE EAST, AND CONTAINED PROPOSALS REFLECTING SPECIFIC EGYPTIAN CONCERNS REGARDING ISRAEL. QUOTING AT LENGTH FROM FAHMI STATEMENT TO UNGA, EGYPTIAN DEL INDICATED THAT ISRAELI UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEDE TO NPT WAS ONLY BARRIER TO EGYPTIAN RATIFICATION, AND THAT SUPERPOWERS HAD "SPECIAL OBLIGATION" TO MAKE EFFORT TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION. REITERATING EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR MENFZ ARRANGEMENT (INCLUDING NON-USE PLEDGE BY NWS ALONG LINES OF TLAZOLCO PROTOCOL II), HE SAID THAT INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO MIDDLE EAST WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION AND THAT ISRAELI FAILURE TO SUPPORT MENFZ SHOWED ITS "RECKLESS" ATTITUDE ON QUESTION.

3. OSMAN ALSO ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT, IN SPITE OF APPARENT GAP IN ARTICLE II LANGUAGE, ASSISTANCE BY NNWS PARTY TO ANOTHER NNWS TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY WOULD VIOLATE NPT; ASKED FOR "SPECIAL INSPECTIONS" IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO NON-PARTY RECIPIENTS TO DETECT ANY FISSIONABLE MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN SECRETELY ACCUMULATED; AND NOTED THAT SC RES. 255, ALTHOUGH NOT AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION TO NNWS SECURITY NEEDS, WAS USEFUL IN THAT IT EMPHASIZED RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE BOTH BEFORE SC ACTION AND IN ANY CASE WHERE SC DOES NOT TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION.

4. UPADHYAY (NEPAL) JOINED CALL FOR SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR NWS.

5. RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) URGED EFFORTS TOWARDS UNIVERSALITY, AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CLOSE TO HALF NPT PARTIES, INCLUDING MANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES, ABSENT FROM REVCON AND THAT CONFERENCE "PASSING ALMOST UNNOTICED." OVER HALF OF STATEMENT DEVOTED TO CRITICISM OF NWS RECORD UNDER ARTICLE VI, TERMING SALT RESULTS MEAGER AND SINGLING OUT CTB AS NECESSARY GOAL. HE SAID TTB EXAMPLE OF CYNICISM SINCE LEVEL TEN TIMES HIROSHIMA BOMB AND NOT RELEVANT TO DETECTION POSSIBILITIES. HE CHARACTERIZED SC 255 AS INADEQUATE AND CALLED FOR INSTRUMENT LEGALLY BINDING NWS TO ASSURE SECURITY OF NNWS. ON PEACEFUL USES, RAMPHUL CALLED ON RICHER NATIONS, PARTI-

CULARLY NWS, TO INCREASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IAEA. HE ALSO SUPPORTED SECOND REVCON IN FIVE YEARS AND BIENNIAL UNGA REVIEW.

6. INDICATING THAT SOME DELS MIGHT NOT AGREE FULLY WITH HER SUMMARY, CONFERENCE PRESIDENT THORSSON (SWEDEN) SUMMARIZED GENERAL DEBATE AS FOLLOWS: (1) MOST NNWS BELIEVE NWS HAVE NOT MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN FIELD OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, MANY BELIEVE SOME SORT OF TIME-TABLE SHOULD BE SET, AND CTB RECOGNIZED WIDELY AS DECISIVE ELEMENT; (2) SC RESOLUTION SC 255 IS INADEQUATE. NNWS ARE CLOSE TO UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORTING NON-USE ASSURANCES, ALTHOUGH SOME WISH TO LINK SUCH ASSURANCES TO NFZS; (3) IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE III MUST BE SAME FOR NPT PARTIES AND NON-PARTIES. ALL NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONFORM TO STRICTER EXPORT CONTROLS; (4) SHOULD BE GREATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (5) VERY FEW STATES EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE SOME BENEFITS FROM PNES; THEREFORE NUMBER OF DELS FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PNE REGIME. SUCH A REGIME SHOULD PROVIDE THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD CARRY OUT PNES ON ITS OWN, EVEN NWS; (6) SHOULD BE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL SECURITY, BUT THAT EFFORT TO DEVELOP CONVENTION SHOULD BE OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF CONFERENCE; AND (7) THERE IS NEED FOR FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF TREATY.DALE

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